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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: VISIT OF NIE DIRECTOR HODGKINSON

1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED JUNE VISIT OF DR. HODGKINSON WITH MINED, WHICH SAYS THEY READY TO RECEIVE HIM AT ANY TIME. EMBASSY SUGGESTS MID-JUNE PREFERABLE TO END OF MONTH. KURBATOVA AND ZINCHENKO COULD BE INCLUDED IN PROGRAM BUT WOULD NOT DETERMINE TIMING.

2. MAIN POINT MADE BY MINED IS THAT JUNE QUITE DISTANT AND THAT PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT THREE-YEAR PROGRAM NOW UNDER WAY WITH DEADLINE OF APRIL ONE FOR FIRST DRAFT. MINED SAID IF U.S. HAS PROPOSALS IN DR. HODGKINSON'S AREA, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THESE WERE MADE IN WRITING TO THE MINED BY MID-MARCH, IF POSSIBLE. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON WHETHER DR. HODGKINSON OR OTHER SPECIALIST MIGHT VISIT IN NEXT MONTH OR TWO TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES AND ASSESS IN WHAT WAY U.S. INTEREST MIGHT BE SERVED. BELIEVE PROJECT WOULD MERTI AMSPEC GRANT IF SUITABLE CANDIDATE AVAILABLE. DR. HODGKINSON COULD THEN FOLLOW UP IN JUNE.

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